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SELF HELP GROUPS UNDER SGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Self Help Groups (SHGs) constituted so far by the Government under SGSY in Jharkhand;

(b) the number out of them graded as I, II and others;

(c) the categories to which loans and other assistance have not been provided so far and the reasons for the same; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) As per the information available, a total number of 38799 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) have been formed under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) till 31st July, 2007 in the State of Jharkhand.

(b) In Jharkhand, the number of SHGs who have passed Grade-I are 23720 and the number of SHGs who have passed Grade − II are 9279, till 31st July, 2007.

(c) & (d) The number of SHGs who have received financial assistance and have taken up economic activities in Jharkhand till 31st July, 2007, are 15682. Financial assistance under SGSY comprises of two components viz. loan and subsidy. Subsidy is a minor and enabling component while credit is the key element. The SHGs who meet the requirements of the guidelines under the SGSY for receiving financial assistance are provided with revolving fund and the subsidy. The Banks sanction credit which would be in multiples of the Group Corpus and could go upto four times of the Group Corpus as cash credit facility based on their assessment of absorption capacity and credit worthiness of the Group. The coverage of number of SHGs is thus limited by the factors of funds availability and the groups meeting the requirements for sanctioning of loan applications by the Banks. The Ministry has taken up with the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance the issue of enhancing the financial allocation to SGSY during the Eleventh Five Year Plan.